

a head having a length in the range of 1 mm to 3 mm and a diameter in the range of 3.8 mm to 7.0 mm;

a shaft having a maximum root diameter in the range of 3.6 mm to 5.2 mm, said root diameter of said shaft being tapered from proximately above said tip along the longitudinal axis of said shaft to proximately below said head, said shaft having a length in the range of 10 mm to 22 mm; and

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a thread on said shaft having a pitch in the range of 1.25 mm to 2.5 mm with a sharp and thin profile, said thread having two faces angled relative to each other to form an apex having an angle in the range of 11 degrees to 21 degrees, said thread having a base that is in the range of 0.25 to 0.6 mm thick, said outer diameter of said thread being generally constant along a substantial portion of the length of said shaft.--

#### REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 471 through 490 and added new claims 538-546 to further define Applicant's claimed invention.

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